

June 15, 2009

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Miranda, Smisek, and Chairperson Strehler.

Absent: Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Rische.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 18, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Smisek moved for the approval of the May 18, 2009 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Rische).

6. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6A. TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY 6TH SEASON

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport introduced Neil Moutrey, summer intern from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

Neil described his background as a Torrance resident, member of Aerospace Players, and graduate from Cal State Long Beach. He distributed fliers and announced upcoming events that include Starlight Productions' "Footloose" on June 18-20 at the Armstrong Theatre, Torrance Civic Chorale and an 80s tribute band at Wilson Park on July 4, Shakespeare by the Sea on July 24-25 at Wilson Park, and Torrance Theatre Company's summer musical "Damn Yankees" on August 1-15 at the Armstrong Theater,

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with an opening night gala on August 1. He stated that they are also developing a one act program in conjunction with Torrance Art Museum based on art work exhibited there as well as planning the Torrance Theatre Company's 7th season.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport distributed a review of the June 5-14 presentation of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" published in the Daily Breeze.

6B. TROY MARTIN, NTYME (NORTH TORRANCE YOUTH MUSICIANS ENSEMBLE)

Mr. Martin, who visited the March 16, 2009 Commission meeting, reminded Commissioners that nTyme is a Torrance-based non-profit organization that promotes musical education for ages five through 18 through the operation of 12 different ensembles. He distributed fliers and invited Commissioners to attend "Chamber Music at the Chamber" and "Summer Breeze Concert" on June 26, 2009 at the Armstrong Theatre, starting at 3:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. CULTURAL SERVICES SUMMER INTERNS

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that Neil Moutrey, summer intern with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, will assist staff for 10 weeks with the summer musical "Damn Yankees." In addition, the Getty Foundation granted approval for an Education and Support Development intern, Jason Han, who will assist Torrance Art Museum staff in developing marketing strategies, researching partnerships with local community colleges and universities, and researching volunteer opportunities. She noted that this is the eighth year that they have received these grants and that applications need to be submitted each year.

7B. CANCELLATION OF AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Bunting moved that the Cultural Arts Commission go dark in August 2009. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Rische).

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Commissioners and staff discussed the May 31, 2009 Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony held on May 31, 2009.

Commissioner Candioly commended Chairperson Strehler for an outstanding job and stated that the dance performances were excellent.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport recommended meeting with the subcommittee in summer or early fall to discuss guidelines and category descriptions.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that Columbia Park will be utilized this summer for three Concerts in the Park and may be considered as a site for a future Levitt Pavillion when the economy improves. She noted that homeowners associations are helping to promote the concerts.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that the Commission's recommendation for 2009 Community Arts Grants Awards will be considered by City Council on June 16, 2009.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2009 was included in the agenda material. She noted that the Department received a \$6,600 Arts in Education partnership grant from Los Angeles County Supervisor Knabe's office for Stories in Art as well as a \$500 grant from U.C.L.A. for sign language interpreters for "Damn Yankees."

She informed the Commission that she would be in Seattle until the end of the week to attend an America for the Arts National Conference.

Chairperson Strehler stated that she is impressed that Damien Hirst will have a work included in the January 2010 Torrance Art Museum exhibition.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers reported that the final event for Works in Progress on May 27, 2009 with Dan Kwong in "It's Great 2B American" had a capacity audience and is being aired on CitiCABLE. He stated that the June 7, 2009 Ooodles of Noodles Festival had more than 1,000 patrons and had a positive response from Torrance high school student volunteers. He distributed fliers for Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park and described the four performers planned for Wild Wednesdays! noon concerts beginning July 8, 2009.

10. ORALS

10A. Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the May 30 Baby Boomer Health & Fitness Fair and a Philippines Independence Ball at the Bonaventure Hotel on June 13.

10B. Commissioner Candioly stated that he had the opportunity to visit the Spanish Art Gallery at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

10C. Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed a dinner at the main Fire Station and ride on a hook and ladder truck, "It's Great 2B American," and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

10D. Commissioner Bunting shared information about her visit to the Frye Art Museum in Seattle.

10E. Chairperson Strehler stated that she enjoyed a Pacific Art Guild reception and show, Art by the Beach, and the Torrance Symphony fundraiser.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:58 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Strehler so ordered.

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| Approved as Submitted July 20, 2009 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk |
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